

01190 - Volunteer Committee / Advisory Board Member

Contact Information -- Person ID: 39799958

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Personal Information

Driver's License:	Yes, Florida , Class E
Can you, after employment, submit proof of your legal right to work in the United States?	Yes
What is your highest level of education?	High School

Preferences

Minimum Compensation:	
Are you willing to relocate?	No
Types of positions you will accept:	Seasonal , Internship
Types of work you will accept:	Part Time
Types of shifts you will accept:	Day

Objective

To help serve my community with its environmental and green initiatives. I am passionate about environmental sustainability, and I intend to pursue a career in this field. I have gained much knowledge as a volunteer at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center on the intricate relationship between humans and the ecosystems of coastal South Florida. I work as a volunteer to educate people of the role marine environments play across all aspects of society. I want to engage with my city and take action.

Education

City of Delray Beach has chosen not to collect this information for this job posting.

Work Experience

Aquarium Educator/Assistant 3/2017 - 9/2019	Hours worked per week: 4 Monthly Salary: \$0.00 Name of Supervisor: Bryan Danson - Aquarist May we contact this employer? Yes
Gumbo Limbo Nature Center www.gumbolimbo.org 1801 N. Ocean Blvd Boca Raton, Florida 33432 561-544-8538	

Duties

I volunteer at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton. I have been volunteering there for about 2 and a half years, since my Sophomore year of high school. I teach visitors about South Florida's ecosystems as an aquarium educator and daily feeding talk presenter. I work closely with the visitors of the nature center as well as taking care of the various aquariums and marine life. I give the 12:30 feeding presentation/ecological talk to a large crowd of visitors every Saturday. I have worked nearly 200 hours as a volunteer here.

Reason for Leaving

I want to gain new experiences in environmental stewardship beyond my volunteering at Gumbo

Limbo Nature Center. I intend to pursue environmental policy and public service as a future career. Working locally with the Green Implementation Advisory Board will help me apply my knowledge and passion for sustainability.

Certificates and Licenses

City of Delray Beach has chosen not to collect this information for this job posting.

Skills

Office Skills

Typing: 78

Data Entry: 0

Other Skills

Public Speaking Expert - 4 years and 0 months

Proficiency in Microsoft Word & Powerpoint Expert - 14 years and 1 months

Social Media Expert - 3 years and 1 months

Languages

English - Speak, Read, Write

Spanish - Speak, Write

Additional Information

Honors & Awards

- The Clara Coleman Prize (grant for 12th grade)
 - Given to one junior based on academic merit, community involvement, and personal character
- 2019 Miami Herald Silver Knight Nominee (Science Category)
- National BETA Club
- National AP Scholar
- Outstanding Achievement in Science
- Outstanding Achievement in Social Science
- Science National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Spanish Honors Society, Rho Kappa

Volunteer Experience

- Gumbo Limbo Nature Center
 - Aquarium educator to visitors
 - Feeding Talk presenter
 - Tank & Animal Care: testing water quality & prepping food
- Ecological research with Dr. Koch of FAU
 - Studying how changes in CO2 & temperature affect seaweed growth
 - Assisted in setting up the experimental tanks of seaweed
- Whitehall Nursing Home
 - Led daily activities, games, & events for residents

Interests & Activities

- Honor Court
 - 4-year position, Senior Head Chair
 - Conduct hearings for students who have possibly broken the Honor Code
- Science National Honor Society
 - Co-President
 - Run all meetings, organize a science related field trip
 - Successfully created "Got Science?", an after school 12-week program for 3rd-5th graders

- TED-Ed Club
 - Run the annual TEDxPineCrestSchool event
 - Presented my own talk, "Defying Expectations"
- Soccer
 - High School Varsity Player & Manager
 - Travel Soccer (Team Boca)
- Environmental Action Club
- Track & Field
- School Duel of South Florida
 - I was part of my school's team in this high school TV quiz show

References

Professional

Mannen, Rebecca

Volunteer Coordinator for Gumbo Limbo Nature Center
561-544-8538
rmannen@myboca.us

Professional

Hunt, Marcia

Director of College and Academic Advising for Pine Crest School
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marcia.hunt@pinecrest.edu

Resume

Text Resume

Attachments

Attachment	File Name	File Type	Created By
Seckler Transcript.pdf	Seckler Transcript.pdf	Other	Job Seeker

Agency-Wide Questions

1. Q: The Board application MUST be completed whether you submit a resume or not. It is important that your application show all the relevant experience and skills you possess that would assist you in serving on this committee or board. Applications must be received no later than ten (10) business days prior to the first City Commission meeting where the nomination for appointment to the board will be considered. Applications may be rejected if incomplete. Resumes alone WILL be rejected. PLEASE NOTE: A) ONCE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ADD OR CHANGE ANYTHING and you will NOT be able to reapply for the same position(s) during that posting period. B) The City of Delray Beach is a public entity subject to Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes concerning public records. Therefore, please be advised that all applications are public record and subject to the disclosure provisions of Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes. In addition, please be advised that applications will remain on file in the City Clerk's Office for a period of two (2) years from the date submitted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application on file is current.

A: Acknowledged, I entered all my experience and information in this application. I understand that my application may be rejected if incomplete. Also, I understand that my application needs to be completed whether I submit a resume or not and I understand that resumes alone will be rejected. I have checked my application before submitting and I understand that I won't be able to change or add anything once the application is submitted. I also understand that my application is considered a public record and will remain on file in the City Clerk's Office for a period of two (2) years from the date it was submitted.

2. Q: Declaration of Personal Information Exemption Personal Information provided in this application is public information unless the applicant qualifies for an exemption pursuant to Florida Statutes. You are encouraged to thoroughly read the applicable subsections of F.S. 119.071. If you qualify for an exemption, your address and phone number are protected information. If you have any questions, please contact the

Clerk's Office at 561-243-7056. Do you qualify for a statutory exemption from public disclosure based upon F.S. 119.071?

A: No

3. Q: If you stated yes to the above, please list under which sub-section of F.S. 119.971 do you qualify for a statutory exemption from public disclosure?

A:

4. Q: The City of Delray Beach does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability, marital status, family status or sexual orientation in employment or the provision of services.

A: Acknowledged

5. Q: I identify my gender as...

A: female

6. Q: Age

A: 16-18

7. Q: Occupation (If retired, please indicate former occupation or profession.)

A: Student

8. Q: How many years have you lived or worked in Delray Beach?

A: Just moved to Delray Beach late 2018, resident of Boca Raton for 18 years

9. Q: Employer name and address

A: n/a

10. Q: Home Phone

A: n/a

11. Q: Mobile Phone

A: 5614457430

12. Q: Business Phone

A: n/a

13. Q: Please contact me at the following phone number

A: Mobile

14. Q: Please contact me at the following address.

A: Residential street

15. Q: Do you or any of your family members work for or serve on the board of directors of any organization which has contracted with or applied for funding from the City of Delray Beach?

A: No

16. Q: Do you anticipate any involvement of this kind in the future? If yes, please describe the

relationship.

A:

17. Q: Have you previously been employed by the City of Delray Beach?

A: No

18. Q: Have you served on the City Commission in the last year?

A: No

19. Q: Are you currently serving or have you previously served on any City boards?

A: No

20. Q: If yes to above, then please list the boards that you have served on, and your contributions to each?

A:

21. Q: Do you have any relatives employed by the City of Delray Beach?

A: No

22. Q: EXPLANATION: If you entered yes for the question above, what is the name of the relative and your relationship. (Please indicate N/A if not applicable)

A:

23. Q: Are you a registered voter?

A: Yes

24. Q: How does your education or experience compliment the powers and duties of the Board?

A: My early passion for marine biology has transformed into a fascination for the complex environmental systems linking together the natural world and human society. I work to show the visitors our intrinsic dependence on the ocean through tourism economies, food security, global health, and biomedicine. More importantly, I provide them tangible ways to reduce our human impact and ameliorate negative environmental changes. Not only has volunteering helped me educate other people, but it has also led me to a realization of how I hope to improve communities of all scales.

I have worked to incorporate what I learn and experience as a volunteer back into my school work. Through my political sciences courses I've elected to take in high school and in summer programs, I have developed a passion for constitutional debate and policy formulation. As a student who loves Montesquieu and mock trial as much as bioluminescence and barrier reefs, these two interests might seem incompatible. However, volunteering has allowed me to see how these interests are not only connected, but also essential to solving issues of environmental sustainability. I intend to study environmental sciences and work in environmental policy. I hope to push the boundaries of our scientific knowledge as well as shape the laws that enact change.

25. Q: Please list any professional certifications, licenses or certificates that you possess that relate to the board for which you are applying.

A:

26. Q: **Valid e-mail address is necessary to be able to receive notifications from City Clerk's department including but not limited to notices to schedule an interview, application received or rejected notices, etc. Most correspondence will be done through e-mail notifications. Please ensure that valid e-mail**

address shows on your application and that you remember your login information.

A: Acknowledged. It is my responsibility to provide a valid e-mail address for correspondence and e-mail notifications. I understand that if I don't check my e-mails or forget my login information, I might miss important messages regarding the position I applied for, and/or any tests or pre-requisites that might be required of me, which could result in missing the opportunity to be considered for the position.

27. Q: I understand and agree that: The City of Delray Beach participates in E-Verify and will provide the federal government with your Form I-9 information to confirm that you are authorized to work in the U.S.

A:

Supplemental Questions

1. Q: I am interested in serving on the following committees, boards, groups or authorities. (Select up to 3 committees from the list below:)

A: Green Implementation Advisory Board

2. Q: Please list any community activities that relate to this position.

A: 1. Gumbo Limbo Nature Center
2. Assisting in Ecological Research with Dr. Koch of FAU
- Studying how changes in CO2 & temperature affect seaweed growth
- Assisted in setting up the experimental tanks of seaweed
3. The Road Less Traveled, Belize: Gud Mawin Community Service (Reef Conservation International)
- Conducting marine surveys of lobsters and conch populations on the Belize barrier reef, beach cleanups, building bridges in the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary
4. Whitehall Nursing Home
- Led daily activities, games, & events for residents

3. Q: List any experience that would assist you in serving on this committee, board, commission, or authority

A: I have been volunteering at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center as an Aquarium Guide since my Sophomore year of high school. I work at the four outdoor aquarium tanks teaching visitors about the exhibits and answering any questions they might have. Each session to volunteer is a four hour period. As I dedicated more time to volunteering, I became incredibly knowledgeable about the species in the tanks as well as what each tank represented in terms of a coastal ecosystem. Soon, I started teaching fellow volunteers about the tank inhabitants and the best ways to communicate with a wide diversity of visitors. I also have worked several special events for Gumbo Limbo including Sea Turtle Day, in which thousands of people pass through the exhibits, and "Halloween in the Garden", in which I helped as a face painter. This past summer I also helped the Sea Turtle Rehab program in a sea turtle hatchling release to send about 300 baby turtles off into the night sea for a second chance at survival. I worked to guide several visitors as well in this experience.

My responsibilities have now culminated into becoming the speaker for the Saturday 12:30 feeding presentation of the aquariums, giving a 30 minute talk about 40 to 250 people each week. I prepare frozen squid and krill to feed the animals, as well as monitor the water quality and animal health in each tank. This was a large undertaking that required many hours of learning how to be an Aquarist Assistant to the biologists and ecologists working at Gumbo Limbo.

Although not affiliated with Gumbo Limbo's volunteer program, I also have volunteered at Gumbo Limbo's Marine Research Facility with an FAU ecology professor, Dr. Koch, investigating how seaweed indicates the effects of climate change on coral reefs. In my feeding presentations, I proudly stand in a large crowd with the confidence knowing they look to me as a figure of expertise in marine life and environmental stewardship. I focus on sharing the small actions we can individually take to limit human impact on mangroves and coral reefs. Whether I'm explaining how certain (avoidable) sunscreen

chemicals strain the symbiotic relationship between corals and algae or speaking about local artificial reefs families can visit, I can feel the impact of my volunteer work. At the end of my speech, I often receive applause from the visitors. I can't help but smile when seeing how I am able to convey imperative issues while expressing something I'm passionate about to hundreds of people.

- 4. Q:** Please indicate any activities you are involved with that may present a conflict of interest with the committee, board, commission, or authority you are applying for.

A: I will hopefully be working at a local store in Delray part time this summer. I will also hope to continue my volunteer work at Gumbo Limbo this summer working in the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Center. While I am going to Columbia University next year for college, I am happy to maintain current with local issues and engage via online communications with the Board in addition to my breaks throughout the year when I can return home.

- 5. Q:** How did you hear about the vacancy on this committee, board, commission, or authority?

A: City Commission Member
Other

- 6. Q:** If "other" was selected for question #6, please describe here.

A: Caryn Gardner-Young, ICMA-CM. | Assistant City Manager
I wrote a letter to the City Manager inquiring about Delray's recent legislation and initiative to ban plastic straws. I explained my view of the imperative need to also ban plastics before sea turtle nesting season this summer. Mrs. Garden-Young was nice enough to not only respond so attentively to my concerns, but also told me about the Green Implementation Advisory Board opportunity.

- 7. Q:** Why do you want to serve on this committee, board or commission?

A: I am passionate about environmental sustainability, and I have found an incredible way to share this passion with tangible sense of bettering my local community. Volunteering at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center as an aquarium educator for the public has allowed me the opportunity to develop into an effective public speaker and vocal advocate of environmental change. I have been exposed me to the world of environmental stewardship, and in turn I am given a weekly chance to do the same to hundreds of people.

I would be honored to serve my community of Delray as it continues to serve as a model city for environmental sustainability. I am a hardworking, driven citizen who will fully dedicate myself in any way that would help better the community.

- 8. Q:** What unique abilities/skillset/perspective would you bring if selected?

A: As a young citizen of this city, I will bring a new perspective of how to connect directly with future generations and residents of this city. I have experience interacting with a wide range of people and teaching them about how our society is deeply dependent on the environment, specifically marine ecosystems. I am self-assured in my abilities to share my viewpoints with respectful persuasion, while being open to hearing from all other viewpoints. I love to cooperate to achieve a goal, and I am a resourceful team member. I work very well with others, and throughout high school I have proven myself as a natural leader both in and out of class. I am a top academic student, which I largely attribute to my self-motivated work ethic and genuine passion for learning. I am resourceful and eager to find creative solutions to difficult problems or situations. I have been recognized for my contributions to the classroom, my school, and the greater community in receiving the Clara Coleman Grant, which is an award granted to a singular rising senior on the basis of exemplifying character, leadership, and integrity. I run the Science National Honors Society branch at my school. I worked to create implement an after-school program for lower school students of my school specifically for science lesson plans and activities. This required cooperation with faculty and

administrators of various levels at my school. The program is successful, and it is a legacy I am proud to leave behind as I go off to college next year. I served for all my years of high school on our Honor Court. As the only grade representative, I work alongside this student-faculty committee to establish and determine consequences of cheating or plagiarism. I work closely with the administrators of my school to achieve our goals. Gaining experience to oversee cases has allowed me to redirect the Court towards proactively conveying the merits of academic pride prior to reaching disciplinary action. Now as Chair, I speak at school assemblies to clarify expectations and help teachers define equal collaboration. Working on the Court allows me to actively demonstrate integrity and empathy, developing character that carries significance far beyond the classroom. I will bring this ability to deliberate hard topics with a rational, comprehensive approach to the Board.

9. Q: Please describe your understanding of the functions and capacity of the board(s), committee(s), or commission to which you are applying?

A: I am fully aware of the time commitment needed to substantively contribute to the Green Implementation Advisory Board. I am ready and able to serve in all meetings as well as various events needed to conduct proper business. I am confident in my abilities to contribute to discussions and meetings about environmental issues and public engagement of any green initiatives/programs. While I am home full time for this upcoming summer, I am willing (and excited) to continue working with the Board throughout the school year while I attend Columbia University. Through Skype or other methods of contact, I am comfortable with maintaining a strong presence in contributing to the Board's community involvement beyond when I am able to be home for various holidays or breaks.

10. Q: Have you ever attended a meeting of the board or committee for which you are applying?

A: No

11. Q: I understand that by applying to this committee, board, commission, or authority, I am offering a reasonable portion of my time to the City of Delray Beach and the requirements that accompany this position, including, but not limited to, routine meetings, hearings and responsiveness to the public.

A: Yes, I understand